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Sunday 1st October

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Pigmy Possums On The Door Step

By.....
Pat
Schwartz

The Eastern Pygmy Possum is a tiny tree dwelling marsupial that weighs less than a golf ball and feeds on nectar.

It is wonderful to know that these tiny possums are found in the bushland of North Western Sydney.

One of these beautiful little creatures was rescued from a rain gauge in the Glenorie Wildlife Refuge.

After rescue it was then placed in a humidicrib by WIRES for a few days to help stabilise it's body temperature and then when completely well was released back into home territory at the Refuge. Another Pygmy Possum was sighted nearby where nest boxes have been installed for shelter.

Glenorie Wildlife Refuge comprises 200 acres which is made up of 6 private properties between Little Cattai Ck and Cattai Ck, Glenorie.

This bushland provides a natural, connected corridor between the two creeks. Many varied flora and fauna can be found here such as kangaroos, swamp wallabies, reptiles including goannas, diamond pythons, red bellied black snakes, possums and many types of birds.

Sydney blue gums, red and yellow blood-woods, Scribbly gums and many small shrubs and tiny wildflowers also grow here. The Biodiversity Conservation Trust is helpful in managing the biodiversity in this area and the Refuge provides a wonderful habitat for such delicate little animals as these minute Pygmy Possums.

The Eastern Pygmy Possum can be found in a range of habitats from Southern Queensland to the east of South Australia. Although it is widespread it is important to protect the areas in which it lives.

In places like North Western Sydney where people can have houses close to bushland these little possums may live very near to homes where they are vulnerable to attack by cats.

Protecting these little animals is a good reason to keep cats indoors and Pygmy Possums and other wonderful native animals in our gardens.



Nest box in the Glenorie Wildlife Refuge near where the possum was found.

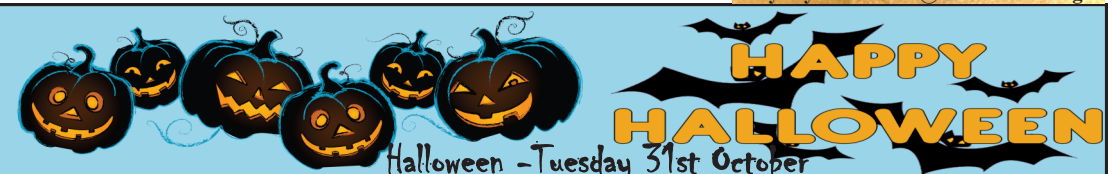


Eastern Pygmy Possum



Little Pygmy Possum after rescue

These two pics supplied by
Joycelyn Howden @ Glenorie Refuge



ECO-NEWS



With Liz Wilkinson



What a funny sight I just saw as I walked out onto my front porch - the Fruit Dove was up in the Peppercorn tree swinging on a small branch/stick that looked like a swing. I walked inside for my camera but he flew down to the porch so no photo.

I was feeling very sad and a bit worried because Jacky Winter had not returned after the burn off and it wasn't until six days later that he finally returned for a big feed. Still waiting for the ducks and King Parrot but they are less regular.

My top paddock has its usual display of Caladenia Orchids - quite a lot more this year than normal - perhaps they like dry weather! Alas I am unable to wander around this paddock as a Plover (Masked Lapwing) has decided to make its nest in the middle of it. I feel sorry for this female sitting all alone through rain wind and sun - the male rarely visits. They can become quite a nuisance once the babies are hatched. We had them nesting in a school playground that I taught at and the children were always being chased.

I have been hearing a trilling sound among my gum trees, several birds calling to each other but have not been able to spot them. I have heard it in past years as well but it only occurs for a few weeks. I checked on the computer for different bird calls and felt they may be Fan Tailed Cuckoos unfortunately as this bird parasitises the nests of warblers and wrens. They are not welcome here!

A beautiful birdsong often fills the air but I don't see the singer. I know its a Butcher Bird but whether its a Grey one or a Pied one is still a mystery. My husband saw a Scarlet Honeyeater with its mate in our garden the other day lucky man!

The ducks have returned - both Wood and Black Pacific as well as two different

lots of King Parrots so our bird world is fully restored after the burn off.

I had a good crop of Meyer Lemons and shared some with several different friends but unfortunately the remainder of the crop was decimated by the White Cockatoos in just one early morning feast. Now they have started on my Eureka Lemon, lemonade and lime tree.

Just spotted the Butcher Bird - it was eying off the Plover! It's a grey one!

Did you see the Blue moon? Missed it? the next one is not until 2037 and the last one was 2009.

The moons orbit around earth is an ellipse so at times the moon is further away from earth (apogee) and at other times it's closer (perigee). If a full moon happens at the time it's closest we call it a Super moon. If we have two full moons in one calendar month, the second is called a blue moon but it isn't blue in colour. I tried to photograph it but with all the clouds and trees on the horizon it wasn't the success I'd hoped for. I even got up during the night to look but its most impressive just as the moon is rising.



Blue moon close to horizon



Caladenia Orchid

Quote!

Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier!

John Lennon

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Editor's Notes

And here we are again.....

Is it possible that a month has gone by again? Doesn't seem like it!

How about the change in the weather? It started out a lovely Spring, warming us up after winter chills, and then, whoa! The heat came on with a vengeance. I went from flannelette sheets to linen, in a flash. Packed my winter woolies away and brought out my summer gear.

Rain has been scarce and there is a wait on water cartage. I'm thinking this will get much worse over summer, so better make sure all tanks and pools are topped up.

Glad to see some of our roads getting a makeover, the potholes have been horrendous and vehicles damaged as a result. The contractors being used

don't seem to have the expertise of those previously used. The roads break up almost as soon as they have left the job.

There is still the problem of driving out of Cliftonville Road, that whole left hand corner needs to have all the scrub removed so that motorists can see what's coming around the bend. It would also be a good idea to make a turning lane for turning into Cliftonville Road, a very good option.

It's that time of year again when we have to turn our clocks forward one hour for 'daylight savings'. This will be in place for 5 months, until April 7th, 2024. Many people hate it, some love it.

What do you think about daylight savings? Like it? Let me know!

...Enjoy your read....Carole

In days gone by, bread was divided according to status.

Did you know?
With John

Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle,

The guests got the top, or the upper crust.



The Dharug and Lower Hawkesbury River Historical Society



Dharug & Lower Hawkesbury Historical Society invites you to join them on Sunday 29 October for a walk to Circuit Flat Bridge and to explore the convict works in the area.

We will be led by Elizabeth Roberts and Rob Cunneen.

Where: We will meet at the intersection of George Downes Drive (Gt North Road) and St Albans Road at the Bucketty precinct

When: Sunday 29 October at 10.00am. We will have morning tea and explore the convict workings around the Bucketty precinct.

We will then drive in along the road towards Circuit Flat Bridge. We will carpool if required into the site.

We will then explore the Circuit flat Bridge site and environs including the engravings on site. Elizabeth will explain the construction of the Bridge.

We will have lunch around the site. The wildflowers are in bloom so it is a wonderful time to explore before the really hot weather.

We will be looking for the quarry site in the area.

If time permits we will walk out to Sampson's Pass which is a 3 km walk.

It is a BYO everything day. Please bring suncream and insect repellent and wear sturdy shoes.

Cost: \$10.00

Bookings: essential to secretary@dlhhs.org.au or 0405 321 478 . We must be able to contact everyone coming along in case of either wet weather or a Fire warning

Bookings to be received by 24 October.....All welcome.

Graphite's Grace

By...Ben
Anderson

With steady hand, I sketch upon the page,
Each stroke of graphite, whispers of my soul,
In lines and curves, emotions find their stage,
A timeless dance, where visions take their toll.

In every mark, a story takes its flight,
A world revealed, through artistry's embrace,
The shades and hues, they merge and blend so right,
In drawing's realm, I find my special place.

In graphite's grace, my inner world takes form,
As poetry in lines, my feelings flow,
A symphony of strokes, where dreams perform,
On paper's canvas, my emotions glow.

With every stroke, I find my truest voice,
In drawing's rhythm, my heart does rejoice



Mozart and More ...2023



This activity is supported by Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network (NBMPHN), as part of the Australian Government's response to the 2022 floods. Wentworth Healthcare is the provider of NBMPHN

Mozart and More is part of **Music at St Albans** - a series of free concerts for the community to be held at the historic sandstone church of St Alban the Martyr, Wharf Street, St Albans, NSW—join the musicians for nibbles and drinks after ...

Saturday October 14, 4 pm: Women composers at last!

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A Blast From the Past

One of our earliest contributors to Living Heritage News, were husband and wife team Mim and Ned Burkett. Mim wrote a column for many years called "Country Living", which gave readers tips on gardening and living in the rural district (Forest Glen).

Ned wrote "Walking Around Windsor", which was an insight to the many historic places to visit in the Hawkesbury. They moved to Nowra for a change of scenery and as you can see, Mim has continued to garden. Sadly, Ned has passed, but Mim rocks on.



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Gunderman Is Finally On The Map!

Up until now Gunderman has been the best kept secret on the Lower Hawkesbury, but not anymore now that they have new signage to let travellers know Gunderman is not part of Spencer.

Gunderman is a tiny community within the Central Coast Council local government area nestled between the towns of Spencer and Wisemans Ferry as you meander alongside the banks of the mighty Hawkesbury River.

Gunderman has so much to offer and caters to all age groups. You can go bush walking, rock climbing, mountain biking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, boating or water skiing on the mighty Hawkesbury River, enjoy a family picnic, or dine at the local **Wombat Cafe**, or just minutes across at Wisemans Ferry there is the famous historic pub, the local bowling club, and the Heritage Valley Café or you can go further down the Hawkesbury River to Spencer and enjoy the breathtaking views whilst dining in one of local eateries such as the Spencer Thai or the new Anchor Café.

There are a plethora of Airbnbs in Gunderman as well as the **Rosevale Caravan Park** which is a 50-acre property situated on the beautiful Hawkesbury River about 75 km from Sydney and Gosford and 50km from Dural, offering camping and cabin sites. Surrounded by national parks, horse studs and magnificent sandstone cliffs, this makes a great escape to unwind from the hustle and bustle of busy life. You can relax on the lush green grass and watch the beautiful sunsets, or stretch by the fire under the million stars and enjoy the serenity of the night.

Gunderman adjoins the Dharug National Park and boasts the historic significance of the national heritage listed Convict Trail/ the Great North Road built between 1826 and 1836 on its doorstep. The Convict Trail is a significant part of this region's story and is currently used for many purposes including recreational activities, events and heritage tourism. This is a great walk starting at Devines Hill with a mixture of historic remnants of the Old Great North Road such as stone walling, culverts, quarries, buttresses, chiselled and blasted rock faces and hand hewn drains. These structures are all convict built. There are some beautiful views over the Hawkesbury River and other valleys.

Central Coast is renowned for its extensive Aboriginal engravings and rock art especially in this region where you will find an array of Aboriginal sites with a diverse display of archaeological evidence including extensive groups of rock art and attests to the long occupation of the region by Aboriginal people and the complex indigenous society with cultural connections to land that continues today.

Popular trails for hiking, mountain biking, and running includes the Finch's Line via Settlers Road, which is 10.8 km loop, takes an average of 3 hours to complete and is beautiful anytime of the year. Or the Mill Creek Circuit 8.2km loop which begins and ends from the parking and picnic area at the end of Mill Creek camping ground. And there is the Western Commission Track 23.8km to explore near Gunderman and is generally considered a challenging route. This trail is great for mountain biking and running, and it's unlikely you'll encounter many other people while exploring.

Come and visit, enjoy and explore what Gunderman has to offer!

Robyn Downham President



for the lower hawkesbury river district



IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY
WITH THE COMMUNITY AT HEART

Community Carols Night.

Enjoy an evening with good ole fashion Carol singing

with the Hawkesbury Concert Band led by

Jessica Dickinson and Tom Carter.

Date: Friday 8th December, 2023

at

Maroota Public School

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7pm - 9pm

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Beyond The Fence

Interest Rates Stabilise and the Aspirational North West Grows

The Reserve Bank of Australia has kept their hands off the interest lever again in September with the cash rate remaining stable at 4.1% for the past 3 months. This was primarily driven by an easing of inflation coming in at 4.9% for the 12 months to July. Although this remains above the RBA's target of 2.5%-3% it appears that the past rate increases are having an impact on household spending.

There were fears of a looming "mortgage cliff" where home owners coming off sub 2% fixed rates could potentially come under severe financial stress facing massive increases in repayments and being at risk of not being able to meet repayments or forced to sell their homes. An interesting article from Core Logics Eliza Owen [ninenews.com.au](https://www.ninenews.com.au) indicates that mortgage holders appear to be managing better than first anticipated. "Data from the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority shows the

number of defaults and arrears remains "extremely low" despite the cash rate surging to 4.1 per cent. This means a small number of borrowers are paying their mortgage late or are unable to pay it at all. "It seems official data on mortgage stress has not seen a blow out in arrears amid the expiry of low fixed-term loans," Owen said. "As home values rise, the risk of default also remains low."

And values do continue to rise with eight Sydney suburbs rising more than 2% above the previous peaks of 2021/2022. Interestingly the North West of Sydney is leading the charge with family friendly, leafy Glenhaven achieving a median price of \$2,607,366 being a 4.7% increase above its peak in May 2022 (Source: Core Logic). It indicates that families are looking for aspirational suburbs with lower density, larger land sizes and quality schools. In addition, the work from home concept

continues to be embraced by many employers and buyers are seeking larger homes with more space to comfortably accommodate this trend. The ongoing increase in skilled migration could also be a contributing factor as young families are driving prices in more affordable suburbs enabling growing families to upsize to larger homes in the \$2m+ price range.

Emerging community subdivisions of small acres, 5 acre farmlets and larger acreages continue to attract attention from upsizing families in the North Western fringe. Suburbs such as Canoelands, Maroota, South Maroota and Cattai represent excellent value for money and we anticipate this demand to continue in the coming years.

Article By Trent Iverson
Licensed Real Estate Agent

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Proposed Road To Connect Wisemans Ferry With Brooklyn

By Nathan Tilbury
Hornsby Shire Historical Society

Nearly two centuries ago a proposed main road between Wisemans Ferry and Brooklyn almost became a reality. Speculation started after the area was first surveyed in 1829 and this proposal was considered a real possibility from the 1830s until near the end of that century.

If it had become a reality, it would have made the southern bank of the Hawkesbury River, between Wisemans Ferry and Berowra Creek, a busy and populated area.

At the time the proposal attracted considerable land speculation, particularly around the potential locations for the river crossing and along the possible route of the road.

In October 1835, George Peat applied to purchase 50 acres in the area that would later be known as Peat's Crater (today it is part of Muogamarra). The land grant was confirmed in 1836 and his block included access to the waterfront at Peats Bight on Berowra Creek. There is no evidence that Peat lived on this land, nor is there evidence that he ever worked the area. Although it seems probable that he removed timber to be used in his trade as a boat builder.

Clearly George Peat was land speculating as it appears he anticipated

the road being built to connect Wisemans Ferry with a settlement in the area that would become Brooklyn.

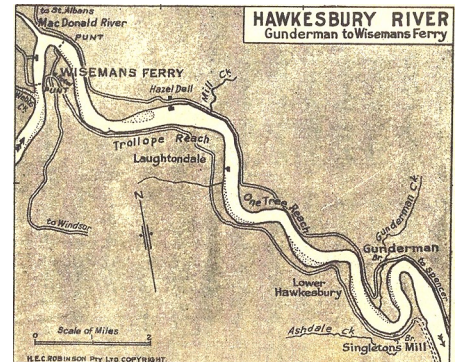
Peat was also hoping to control at least one side of the river crossing across the mouth of Berowra Creek. Just as he did with other land he already owned at both Kangaroo Point and Mooney Point. On his land on the northern side of the Hawkesbury River (Mooney Point) he built a house he named "Fairview", and this is where he lived on and off from 1831 until his death in 1870.

After purchasing his land in the crater Peat built a connecting road from his land at Kangaroo Point (on the southern side of the Hawkesbury River). The section of the road that descended from the ridge into Peat's Crater, later became known as St John's Road and it may well have been convict-built, because Peat had assigned convict servants.

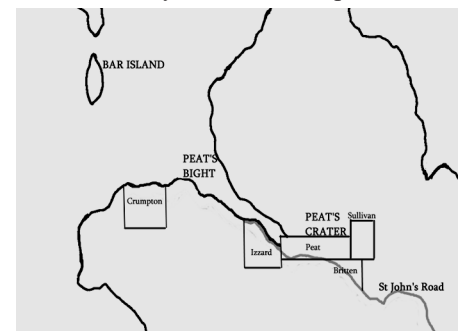
It appears Peat planned for St John's Road to become an important thoroughfare and part of the proposed road between Wisemans Ferry and Brooklyn.

In 1840, George Peat attempted to increase his land holding in the Crater. However, it was another speculator, George Sullivan, who acquired the additional 30 acres of land Peat wanted, on the higher eastern end of the crater which bordered Peat's land. Like Peat,

there is no evidence that Sullivan ever used his land and at the time of his purchase there was heightened speculation as to possible road routes.



Hawkesbury River road map 1980's



Peats Crater

.....to be continued next month



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The Sunshine Group

Hi to all that follow us, this month we will be going to join the Wisemans Ferry Seniors Group on a bus trip to Canberra for a overnight stay.

The Sunshine Group would like to thank them for inviting us. The Floriade show is going to be so beautiful.

I would like to welcome our three new members David, Jodi and Thrissa

If you would like to join us on a Wednesday, we're open from 9.00 to 2.30.

Call in and have a cuppa with us or call Judy **0429 042 775**



Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday 1st October. This will stay in place until Sunday April 7th 2024.

Wisemans Ferry Seniors

Our trip to Mt Tomah was a huge success. It was a lovely sunny day and the gardens were absolutely beautiful.

We found the Fruit Bowl and managed to stock up on fruit and vegies and apple cider, and apple pies. A great time was had by all who went.

The Canberra trip is all organised, we will be staying overnight exploring Floriade the first day then taking in some of the sights of Canberra before heading home.

For our October outing we are going to have a day at Fagan Park with a picnic lunch on the 3rd then on 24th November we are going to go on the Riverboat Postman. Both should be fun days.

Visitors are always welcome to join us for our bus trips and for fun and games on Monday mornings.



Don't forget our facebook page **Wisemans Ferry Bingo Group** and for any queries contact Jo **0419 413 523** or Noelene **4566 8226**



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Travelling Around Tasmania....Part Five

By Liz Wilkinson

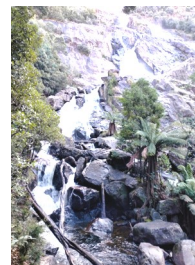
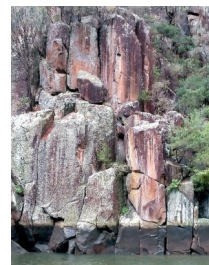
Next we head to Launceston but along the way was so much to see. We followed the coast line all the way to St Helens through such great country scenes - the top eastern corner of Tasmania is certainly the farming produce centre. There are far more cattle/sheep in each area of land than you see in the mainland - the animals tended to gather together at the top of the grassy hills - quite a funny sight!

From here we head to Pyengana, with its cheese factory, the Pub in the Paddock with its beer drinking pig, and for a walk to the St Columba falls which was a great walk into the valley but quite a struggle back up again but oh so worth the effort.

We passed through a mountainous area of great beauty and peace past Derby and turned off to Ledgerwood where an avenue of oak trees were planted after the first world war - one for each person from the town who lost their lives defending the country. Around the year 2000, the trees started to die, the council wanted to remove them but a sculptor rescued them and carved them into a memorial for all the soldiers. What a wonderful tribute to the fallen soldiers - such a moving place!

Continuing on through Scotsdale and down to Launceston where we stayed at the Country Club (definitely not my scene). On Thursday we explored the area up the Tamar River to Georgetown - the third earliest town to be settled in Australia. Quite a history here - we visited the lookout, Mt George Semaphore Station, Georgetown Watch House, Bass and Flinders centre, (home of a full size replica of the sloop Norfolk, that Bass and Flinders sailed from Sydney and around Tasmania in 1798). Low Head Pilot Station which is Australia's continuous working Pilot service which began in 1805 and still operates on the same site and the oldest foghorn at the lighthouse which was the third built in Australia. The Low Head Foghorn is the only "G" type Diaphone in the world. It operated from 1929-1973. In 2001 it was restored (with very little work needed) and is now sounded every Sunday afternoon. What a town brimming with fascinating history. We returned to Launceston on the other side of the river.

We spent the next day exploring the sights of Launceston starting with a Cataract Gorge cruise where we saw stunning cliffs and beautiful old buildings. We visited the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania which was very disappointing, drove around the Penny Royal area and best of all the Design Centre, with its stunning woodwork display. We spent quite some time drooling over the pieces on display. It is tucked into a corner of the magnificent city park housing the white monkeys from Japan, a to die for display of Dahlias and a shade house with much of interest. Next month our final day in Tasmania.....



Latest News



As a council, we are passionate about developing arts and culture in the Shire and strive to support local artists, while providing cultural opportunities for our residents. We are fortunate to have the wonderful Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre in Hornsby which hosts exhibitions, print making, workshops and more. This month, the centre will be filled with 85 exceptional contemporary artworks when the Hornsby Art Prize exhibition returns from 20 October – 5 November.

Hosted in partnership with the Hornsby Art Society, the national art prize has attracted over 600 entries from around Australia. The quality of this year's entries was particularly impressive, and I encourage you all to visit the exhibition to experience the fabulous Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Digital Art Stills and Sculpture works. For more information, visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/artprize.

With the wonderful spring weather, it's a great time to get out and about and enjoy a range of other activities this month in the Shire. Collect your free native plant at our spring giveaways at the Warada Ngurang Community Nursery on 14, 18 and 21 October or go on a guided bushwalk. Take a dip in the heated pool at the Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre or book the kids in to learn to swim. Grab a bargain and support the circular economy at the Berowra Car Boot Market at Berowra Community Centre on 29 October or attend one of our sustainability workshops. And if you're planning to have a spring clear out at home, please consider donating unwanted items to a charity shop, giving them to someone who can use them, or bringing them to the Community Recycling Centre in Thornleigh. For more details visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

Philip Ruddock AO,
Mayor, Hornsby Shire Council

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And God said “No”

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I asked Him to make our handicapped child whole, He said “No”.....the body is only temporary.

I asked Him to grant me patience, He said “No”.....it is a by product of tribulation, its not granted but earned.

I asked God to give happiness and again He said “No”why?.....because He gives blessings.....happiness is up to me.

I asked to spare me pain, He said “No”.....suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings us closer to Him.

I asked God to make my spirit grow, He said “No”.....you need to grow on your own and He will prune me to be fruitful.

I asked if He loved me and He said “Yes”, so much so that He gave His son to die for me.....for me to believe.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loved me, and God said,

**“Ah!”finally you have the idea
(of perseverance).**

*God Bless!.....PS Peter Goldstien,
JP, Community Chaplain. Midway Christian Centre*

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The Case of the Taxpayer who was Paid too Late

What a difference timing makes. A recent case before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) is a reminder about the tax impact of the timing of employment income.

In this case, the taxpayer was a non-resident working in Kuwait. As part of his work, he was entitled to a 'milestone bonus' but, the employer was not in a position to pay the bonus at the time.

When the job ended, the taxpayer moved to Australia and became a resident. Once in Australia, the former employer honoured the performance bonus and paid it as a series of instalments.

The dispute between the ATO and the taxpayer started when the Commissioner issued amended assessments taxing the bonus payments received.

The dispute focused on when the bonus was derived. Had the bonus been derived while the taxpayer was still a non-resident then it would not have been taxed in Australia. This is because non-residents are normally only taxed in Australia on Australian sourced

income. Employment income is typically sourced in the place where the work is performed (although there can be exceptions to this).

Australian tax case law says that employment income is normally derived on receipt. In the taxpayer's case, this was when he received the payments from his former employer, not when he became entitled to the bonus. Because the taxpayer received the bonus when he was a tax resident of Australia, the bonus was subject to tax.

The difference for the taxpayer was quite dramatic. Had he been paid the bonus when it was due, he would have paid no tax as Kuwait does not impose income tax.

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Taken at South Maroota

Bush Philosophy

*Pray for the
things you want,
but work for the
things you need!*

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Galston Netball Club



**Have you ever wanted to be part of something big?
Wisemans Ferry RFS is looking for the next generation
of recruits to join our brigade.**



**Wisemans Ferry station will be open on Saturday 21st October
from 11am-1pm. Come and meet the crew and ask any
questions you have over a sausage sandwich (free from 12pm).**

There's so much more to the RFS than just running towards fires and rising flood waters. We can use any skillset you have to offer, whether it's community engagement, catering, fundraising, communications, or logistics – we have a job for everyone.

Where: Wisemans Ferry station: 5557 Old Northern Rd

When: Saturday 21st October, 2023

Time: 11am-1pm with a free BBQ lunch served from 12pm

We hope to see you there!

Our valley has been through tough times in the last few years and Wisemans Ferry RFS has been doing everything we can to support the community, but we could always use more help! We are opening our brigade doors to anyone interested in joining.

Go Go Bendigo!

In 2023, the Galston Netball Club received sponsorship support from a community bank that truly understands the essence of community spirit – Bendigo Bank Galston. As the season unfolds, the club extends its heartfelt gratitude to Bendigo Bank for its generous sponsorship, enabling us to create a thriving netball community that fosters growth, camaraderie, and passion for the sport.

Bendigo Bank's sponsorship has proven to be a game-changer for our club, allowing us to enhance the overall experience for players, coaches, and supporters alike. With their invaluable financial assistance, we have been able to provide our junior players with training shirts to be worn at sessions and game day.

Bendigo Bank's sponsorship has created a ripple effect of positivity throughout the Galston community. By backing our club, they have shown their unwavering dedication to the growth and well-being of our community.

As the season progresses, the Galston Netball Club will cherish the memories and experiences that Bendigo Bank has helped us create. We extend our deepest thanks to Bendigo Bank for their incredible support, and we look forward to continuing this remarkable partnership in the future.





Hills Shire News



THE HILLS
Sydney's Garden Shire

I am encouraging Hills residents to please take a moment to prepare for the fire season ahead.

Due to three very wet years in a row as well as prolific growth, NSW is now facing its worst grass fire risk in two decades.

If you do not have a plan for what you would do in a fire, I strongly recommend talking to your local Rural Fire Brigade or visiting the Rural Fire Service website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

The four steps to get ready for a fire are:

1. **Discuss:** Discuss what to do if a bushfire threatens your home
2. **Prepare:** Prepare your home and get it ready for bushfire season
3. **Know:** Know the bushfire alert levels
4. **Keep:** Keep all the bushfire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app.

In particular, I'm urging people to prepare their homes. Research shows that less than half of people living in bushfire-prone areas have done any work to prepare their property. Some simple steps that the RFS

recommend include:

1. **Trim:** Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire from spreading to your home.
2. **Mow:** Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.
3. **Remove:** Remove material that can burn around your home (e.g. Door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture).
4. **Clear:** Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home. Burning embers can set your home on fire.
5. **Prepare:** Prepare a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Make sure you've got a reliable source of water.

During the weekend of 16-17 September, local brigades opened their doors to the community for Get Ready Weekend. I would like to congratulate our brigades in Annangrove, Rouse Hill, Glenhaven, Kenthurst, North Rocks, Kellyville, Box Hill Nelson, Sackville North, Glenorie and

Wisemans Ferry for their work during Get Ready Weekend to help residents plan for the fire season ahead. The brigades organised children's activities and vehicle displays and provided information to residents about how to prepare their homes in the event of a bushfire.

I visited Box Hill Nelson and Sackville North brigades during Get Ready Weekend and it was encouraging to see so many of our residents chatting to their local brigades about their bushfire risk. Both brigades went to a lot of effort to organise fun activities for the family alongside the needed messaging, so I would like to thank Captain Keith Woodbury from Box Hill Nelson and Captain John Turnbull from Sackville North and your teams for your hard work.

I also wanted to thank each of our residents who took time out during Get Ready Weekend to plan for the season ahead. For those who could not attend, please contact your local brigade or visit the RFS website to make your fire plan.

**Mayor of The Hills Shire Council,
Dr Peter Gangemi**

Glenorie Memorial Hall

The Glenorie Memorial Hall will be open between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 21st October, for afternoon tea, photograph display and a talk on the history of Glenorie, including the story of the Memorial Hall. The Hall is located on Old Northern Rd in the Village of Glenorie.

Afternoon Tea will be available from 2pm with the talk starting at 2.45pm.

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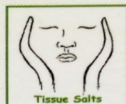
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North Ward News

THE HILLS
 Sydney's Garden Shire

Well spring is certainly here and at times, it has felt like summer!

Earlier this month, I presented at the Glenorie Progress Association meeting on Bushfire Preparedness and in particular the role that The Hills Shire Council plays. As the Chair of The Hills Bushfire Management Committee and a local volunteer firefighter, I am so passionate about bushfire safety and preparedness. Thank you to Glenorie Progress Association for hosting this meeting and to Glenorie RSL Club for the space. I was joined by The Hills NSW Rural Fire Service staff along with members of Glenorie Rural Fire Brigade, Maroota Rural Fire Brigade and Hillside Rural Fire Brigade. It was fantastic to see many Glenorie locals and surrounding residents attend this presentation.

Before the presentation, it was interesting to see how many residents chose to 'stay and defend' in the event of a bushfire and then the number that decided afterward that it was best for them to 'leave early'. This is a key consideration when developing a Bushfire Survival Plan. A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire. Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack. A well prepared home can also be easier for you or firefighters to defend, and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk. A well prepared home will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

With hot and drier conditions expected this summer, you may be at higher than normal risk of bush and grass fire. Know your risk this bush fire season and prepare well ahead. Now is the time to get ready. I recently visited Box Hill Nelson and Sackville North Rural Fire Brigades for their Get Ready Weekend events. Well done to all our RFS brigades here in The Hills for these informative and important community bush fire

preparedness events. For more information visit rfs.nsw.gov.au or contact your local RFS brigade. I'm ready, and I'd like you to be too.

Over the past month, a significant number of pavement rectification works have been undertaken of roads in North Ward as part of the Regional and Local Road Repair Program. As part of the ongoing flood repair program, further works have recently been undertaken on Pages Wharf Rd at Sackville North. Major pavement stabilisation and two coat sealing has also been undertaken to River Rd between Lower Portland and Wisemans Ferry following damage from the floods of the past few years. There is still plenty of work required on River Rd, which will take some time, but I am glad that works have commenced. I endeavour to keep the community updated on these works.

For those members of the community in Lower Portland and Sackville North area, your new Progress Association will be meeting on Thursday 19th October from 7pm at the Sackville North School of Arts. I will be there and I look forward to meeting you.

For more information on the happenings here in The Hills and North Ward, follow me on Facebook.

Councillor Mitchell Blue – The Hills Shire Council.

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Recipe Corner With Liz

I have two recipes this month- both Mars Bar Slice- I love them both!

Mars Bar Slice 1

Take 75g butter,
3 Mars Bars chopped, and
1tbs golden syrup.
Place in saucepan and stir till melted.
Pour over 3cups rice bubbles.
Press into tin.
Melt block dark chocolate, spread over mix and refrigerate till set



Mars Bar Slice 2

Melt together 60g butter, 2 tbs caramel topping, 5or 6 Mars bars chopped, being careful not to burn mix.
Remove from heat and stir in 3 cups Sustain cereal, 1/3 cup sultanas or raisins and 1/2 cup chopped pecans.
Press into paper lined tray and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
Melt 200g milk chocolate and mix in 1/2 cup thickened cream to spread on top.



Mars Bar 2
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Community Fire Wise

The Hills District Rural Fire Service

PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE!

MAROOKA SOUTH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Summer is very fast approaching. The brigade has attended numerous incidents where pile burns have escaped the care of the residents. And, I think without fail, someone else has called 000, not the resident conducting the burning. There has only been one of those piles that we have attended that were notified on the NSW RFS pile burn notification website. This is simple and easy process. We need every resident to manage their fuel in a legal manner.

If you do not notify on the NSW RFS pile burn site, or ring the district office and they do it for you, the burn is **illegal**. You must also notify anyone the smoke will affect and can easily see that smoke. If a pile is illegal, then your public liability insurance is unlikely to provide you cover. If it escapes your property, police are also usually involved. You must have a pressured hose at the site of the fire and ready if there is any escape from your burn area. If the weather is considered high fire danger, you will also not be able to light your pile burn.

This is all on the NSW RFS pile burn notification site. Permits are required from October 1st to 30th April, regardless of the weather, and are usually issued by a brigade officer, and are then part of the RFS notification. Please be safe with fire, and **ask if you are unsure**.

Our training has again taken a lot of our spare time and keeps our skills to be where we need them to be.

For now, stay safe!

....Garry Chatman

WISEMANS FERRY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

This month the Wisemans Ferry team have attended seven separate call outs for fires around the district including a grass fire; conducted a Hazard Reduction at Ashdale Creek; attended a number of motor vehicle accidents on Old North Road, Gunderman and Spencer; and held a combined training day with the Lower Macdonald and St Albans teams at the Commons, St Albans which was very successful.

We are now in the fire season so if you intend to light a pile burn, make sure you check with your local council and you will also need a fire permit from your local RFS.

A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bush fire. Even if your plan is to leave early, the more you prepare your home, the more likely it will survive a bush fire or ember attack. A well prepared home can also be easier for you or firefighters to defend, and is less likely to put your neighbours' homes at risk and it will also give you more protection if a fire threatens suddenly and you cannot leave.

Here are some basic maintenance tips to prepare your property:

- Clean your gutters of leaves and twigs
- Install metal gutter guards
- Repair damaged or missing roof tiles
- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors
- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps
- Enclose areas under the house
- Repair or cover gaps in external walls
- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters
- Keep lawns short and gardens well maintained
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property
- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house

MAROOKA RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

A very busy time for our brigade this last month with many incidents attended; smoke sightings, grass alight, automatic fire alarms and three structure fires, the last being the most significant, a hayshed fire in Maroota, which took a lot of emergency appliances and many manpower hours to extinguish. We have also had two members assessed for a Village Fire Fighter certificate as well as other members recertified in Advance Resuscitation and cross-cut saw courses. October heralds the start of the Bush Fire Danger Period (BFDP) from 1 October 2023 until 31 March 2024.

You now **MUST OBTAIN** a FIRE PERMIT before you light any fire on your property. This is extremely important as failure to do so risks penalties of up to \$5,500 and/or imprisonment. Fire Permits are issued to ensure the safe use of fire. Every year the NSW RFS attends hundreds of fires which start due to careless use of fires, which can endanger life, property, and environment.

Once you have your permit, you still must do a Burn Notification online, which you can't get unless you have a Fire Safety Permit and inform your neighbours as well as your local Fire Control Centre 24 hours before you light up (there is a QR code on your permit to do this). **The Hills FCC: 9658 9000, Hornsby FCC: 9883 2000**. Piles must be of dry vegetation from your property only and **MUST NOT EXCEED** 2m length, 1.5m width and 1.5m height. Timber can't be bigger than 150mm (6 inches) in diameter.

To obtain a permit you need to contact the "Captain" of your local brigade or your local Fire Control Centre, to arrange for a "Fire Permit Officer" to come to your property and inspect the pile you wish to burn, advise you of all the rules and insure you have appropriate procedures in place to conduct the burn safely. Maroota RFB Captain is **Peter Kazzi 0417 216 306**.

We are facing a very challenging BFDP this year as grass fires historically follow floods (due to rapid growth of grass and vegetation), which dry out and serve as a "flash fuel" to quickly ignite into a major bushfire. This is why we continue to enforce the message to our community that now is the time to prepare yourself and your property to **Live Bush Fire Ready!**

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare.

...Robin Hitchcock



If you have a pool, fire-fighting tank, or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance, so firefighters know where they can get water. Check and maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Ensure it is up to date.

The RFS website has some great resources including the Bush Fire Assessment Tool at <https://assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> which is designed to help you make an informed decision when making your bush fire survival plan, such as whether you will leave early, or stay with your property and defend it.

Margaaret Cavanagh

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Galston Open Gardens



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An inclusive ticket for \$25 per person, gives entrance to all gardens. (ticket is valid for three days)

Or entrance to a single garden is \$5 per person. Eftpos is available at the Galston Club and at garden 4, but if you are going directly to one of the gardens, then please bring cash.

Children under 18 are admitted free.

For garden descriptions and map, please go to

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Galston Girl Guides

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Old Australian Photos

A suggestion was made that we do a series of the wonderful old photos that we post on our Living Heritage Facebook page. These photos are an historical record of the people, towns and cities of our great country. We hope you like them.



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SCHOOL SNIPPETS

CATTAI PUBLIC SCHOOL



The middle of the term Parent Assembly was, as usual, a chance for the children to display their work to the parents as well as receive community recognition for their achievements. Hosted by C3, it was well run and organised efficiently. All the children were well behaved, respected their peers and enjoyed being able to have the parents at the assembly.

The incoming Kindies have been working with C3 while learning to understand phonics. Not only does this help with their academic journey at Cattai, but starts the understanding of working with others, asking for help when needed and a sense of ownership of their learning space. All the leaders have been doing a fabulous job and it seems the next group of Kindies are enjoying the experience.

Zone Athletics saw many of our students compete against students from other schools in both track and field events. Our students should be commended on their fabulous efforts on the day. Many managed a personal best, and all of them displayed great sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the students involved. A big thanks to all the parent drivers as well as the support team.

Book Week was celebrated with a special Grandparents Day. The older family members were invited to join their younger counterparts in a day of fun and learning. The students were able to dress as their favourite book characters and paraded for all to

see. The poses for photos were wonderful. After that it was games time where all the family members could join together to solve puzzles and play other "mind games". Book buying was the ultimate activity with the children able to show their grandparents what they would like to read.....if they would buy it please!

The MMWaC excursion was to Longneck Lagoon where all the students worked on indigenous activities and learned about the natural world in this area. The students even made their own designs on fabric using ancient methods. It was a fabulous day where the children could meet and work with students from other small schools, some of whom may be classmates in high school. The work covered during the excursion not only fulfills the syllabus, but also gives each student a deeper understanding of indigenous life and culture.

Stage 2 and 3 had their Netball Gala competition. These students did an amazing job, playing their hardest against teams with more experience and continuity. Their want to do their best was evident in all the teams. Some of the students have only played in teams at school, so this event was a huge step in their sporting career. Everyone should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to the parents able to transport students or stay to watch and support the children.

Barn dancing!!! What fun!!! The students had been learning several progressive dances as

part of CAPA for the P&C Community event. The Barn Dance was great fun. The children always love events held at South Maroota Hall due to the playground and football field, so it was wonderful to see them come inside and dance. The Heel – Toe Polka, Virginia Reel and Oh Susanah were the dances learned at school and they did a wonderful job dancing them to live music. Several new dances were learned on the night. Even many of the parents got up to dance, and judging by their smiles they had a great night too. Many thanks to the bush band Strike a Light as their calling, instructions and playing made the night a fun event.

The whole school Term 3 excursion was to Pioneer Village. The children had the chance to learn about housing, lifestyle, transport and education was like in the 19th century. The students enjoyed the day and came away with a better understanding of how we have progressed in the last 200 years. It was a wonderful day with several parent helpers joining in. They made it possible for many small groups to be formed and so the children had a better chance to interact with the activities supplied.

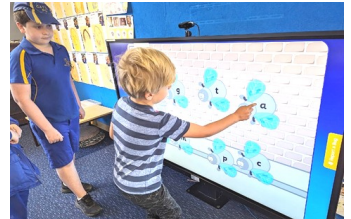
C2 hosted the second Parent Assembly of the term. The students enjoyed the hot lunch even though it was an unseasonably warm day. The host class all had the chance to say something scripted and many were comfortable enough to add little quips or totally ad lib. C1 showed their "window frames" depicting light and dark and shadows. C2 displayed their "feet", depicting their life journey. They explained how their safe place was part of the decorations. C3 had been working on laws and government

so explained the new laws they would like to have implemented. It seems we will not have schools anymore!! The awards for hard work, gotchas, class awards and birthdays were all issued, and reports were given concerning sport, camps and other activities. It was another event showing the array of work covered in the school.

Due to the hard work of all the students, the marble jar was filled and so a school reward was organised.....a disco night! The students arrived with a small plate of food and a hunger for fun. The teachers organised lights, music, games and dances. At the end of the night the children didn't want to go home but were quite tired from all their exertions. Time to start working on filling up the marble jar again.

What a month!!! All the students have been working, learning, playing and achieving some excellent results.

What will the next term bring?



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Book Week



Anne of green Gables, The Hungry Caterpillar (AKA the butterfly) Bluey, Wally, The White Wizard, The Tiger Who Came to Tea, Perdita the Dalmation, Uri The Spaceboy, a Minecraft creeper and a firefighter all spent the day at school. We had the most amazing book parade/open day where the students dressed up as a favourite book character, and 'wowed' their parents and community friends with their own stories, reading and maths learning. Thank you everyone for attending and making the day so special for all of us.

Connecting on Country

We had a beautiful day at Longneck Lagoon where we worked with all the students from Maroota, Wisemans Ferry and Cattai Public Schools to further our knowledge and experiences with the cultures of our First Nations' People.

The children as always, were beautifully behaved – a credit to our school and community.

Sewing Excursion

We travelled to St Albans in Week 9 and spent a lovely afternoon with the ladies from the St



Albans Community Group. Ieva Aboltins has organised a fabulous project which involves recycling denim clothing into a range of amazing home-ware and accessories that include Christmas decorations, keyrings, cushion covers, aprons ... even a chew bone for your dog. The children 'assisted' in sewing some of these items along with the



ladies from the group. Set in the idyllic grounds of St Alban the Martyr Anglican church, it was heartening to see the children working alongside community members. Please look out for the amazingly creative recycled items that will be on sale at the next St Albans markets on Sun 8th Oct.



St Albans Markets



For kids of all ages – come & join In the fun with this spectacular double slide. Race your friends and family – **ALL FOR FREE!!!**

PLUS a range of giant sized traditional games for the whole family to play with – all set up under the trees, out of the sun Hawkesbury City Mayor Sarah MacMahon is looking forward to meeting with locals from 10am

It's a step back in time, but not that far away.....

The Macdonald Valley is a close knit community that welcomes visitors each weekend, and then reverts to a quiet rural hamlet during the week.

Spring is a special time on the sealed drive to St Albans – with gorgeous views on every bend.

St Albans is a beautiful day trip destination in the northern Hawkesbury that attracts visitors from North West Sydney, the lower Blue Mountains and the Central Coast.

Locals get to enjoy it all the time, but visitors are surprised and delighted by the short car ferry ride on the Webbs Creek Ferry, a meandering scenic drive alongside the Macdonald River, and of course – the iconic convict built Settlers Arms Inn, or the Pickled Wombat café – our 2 fully licenced local institutions.

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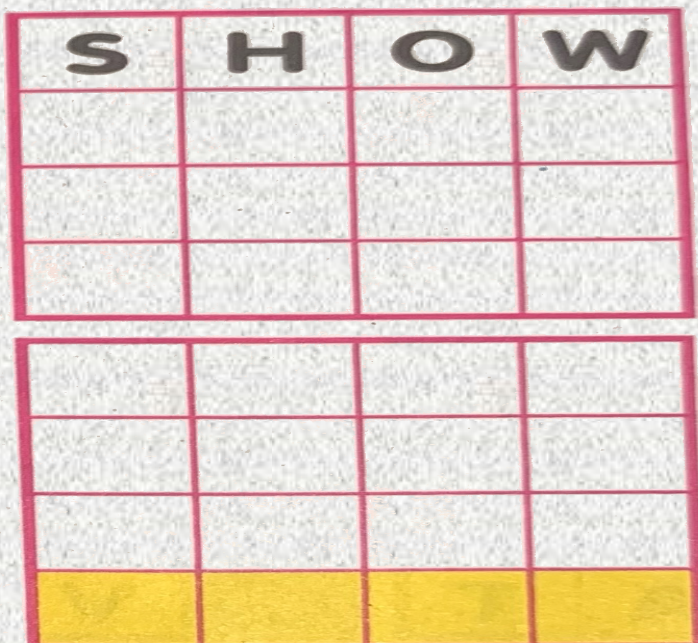


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- 13th - Brock Mills will be 12
- 13th - Bethany Smith will be 11
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